

# Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Department of Developmental Services  
1600 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Porterville Production Well Project – Well 15

**Project Location – Specific:** 26501 Avenue 140

**Project Location - City:** Porterville

**Project Location - County:** Tulare

## Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of construction of a new production well and installation of pre-engineered metal building. The new Well 15 will supply water for portable consumption with same production capacity and water quality as Well 6, which was decommissioned. The metal building will be erected on concrete slab sized less than 200 sq. ft. The metal building will attenuate noise and provide security for the well head and electrical equipment.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

**Name of Person Carrying Out Project:** Matt Davidson, Project Director of DGS/RESO/PMDB

**Exempt Status:** Categorical Exemption: Section 15301– Existing Facilities  
Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction  
Section 15303 – New Construction of Small Structures

## Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 exemption allows for minor alteration of land involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Class 2 allows for construction or a replacement well that will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the former well. The replacement production Well 15 will continue to provide water supply for consumptive use. Class 3 allows construction of a new, small facility, production well and metal building. The State confirms that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of an exemption for this project. The project will not have a significant effect on resources in the area.

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*Michael Chordas*  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** July 7, 2021

Title: Associate Construction Analyst/Architect, DDS

**Signed by Lead Agency:** Yes

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.